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(ARUN KUMAR CHATTERJEE)  
संयुक्त सचिव (सी.एन.डी.)  
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The enquiry will really have to be made by Home Ministry.

Sd/- Dinesh Singh  
25/3

P.S.

We may inform Home Ministry accordingly.

Sd/- T.N. Kaul  
26/3

Flag H  
A copy of the Press report, as it appeared in the Calcutta daily 'Jugantar' on the 4th March, 1969, is placed below. A question on the subject was asked in the Lok Sabha on the 2nd April, 1969, and it has been stated in reply that the information is being collected and will be furnished when available.

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2. The Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, were requested to ascertain the facts of the case, as asked for in the Lok Sabha question and a copy of their note dated the 31st March, 1969, is placed on the file. While the identity of the person who made the statement has been established, the information obtained by the Intelligence Bureau is deficient in many respects and it appears necessary to obtain more ~~more~~ details as Members of Parliament like Prof. Samar Guha, are likely to raise this issue and ask for further details. We may address the Intelligence Bureau, as in the draft note put up.

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As amended  
Dr  
S.No. (2) home 2/4 Pa-12/c  
(Y.R. Dhawan)  
2-4-1969

Director (EA)



5806/585/69

13/c  
S. No. 3 for

When is the u.o. note referred to above? Please let me see it.

Sd. Y. R. Dhaman  
18.4.69

Ref. above.

In this connection please see S. No. 2 at p. 9-10/c (Hag 3). This was dated 27.4.69.

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21/4

It remind I.B. on 5.5.69.

A note may be kept in the Assurance Register so that the promised information can be given to the Lok Sabha.

Y. R. Dhaman  
23/4/69

US(EA)

Ref. preceding note.

A draft reminder to the DIB is put up for approval.

Entry has already been made in the Register of Assurances in the Parliament.

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7/5 In view of S. No (4), the draft reminder need not be issued at this stage. US(EA) has directed that a reminder shd. go on 26/5/69.

D. 5891 EAD / 69 — S. No (4) Added — 114/69

" It remind again on 26/5/69 "

Sd. Y. R. Dhaman  
28/5/69

EX-ON  
Mr. J  
20.4.69



Sno 815) of 24/5/69

Our answer to CSUSG NO. 5150 on 2/4/69 has been treated as an Assurance.

A fair U.O. reminder is put up for signature, if approved.

24/5/69

US(EA)

Rohanna  
... reply

Sno (5) - Issue P. 157C

By. NO. 7013 EAD/69

" Pl. put up on the file."

SNO (6) F.R. P. 26/

Exam

Self explanation  
2.6.69

Submitted for

7.6.69

US(EA)

Director (EA) may kindly see for information. The statement made by Shri G.C. Sanyal of Security Control, Calcutta, does not throw any fresh light on the report which appeared in the 'Jugantar'.

2. We may await receipt of the further communication promised in para 3 of I.B.'s note at S.No. (6) before sending a reply to the Lok Sabha with reference to the assurance given vide the answer to the parliamentary question at page 5/corr.



Director (EA)  
3.1.88/69

Rohanna

(Y.R. Dhawan)  
9-6-69

Director (EA)

SNO (7) - Issue (Reminder) P27/c

SNO (8) Added P22-30/c

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The position in regard to various queries made from the Intelligence Bureau vide our u.o. note at S.No. (2) is stated in the summary, placed below.

2. The statement made by Shri G.C. Sanyal is based on heresy and there is no corroboration of any dates or time of the reported journey of Netaji by submarine. We may inform the Deptt. of Parliamentary Affairs accordingly with reference to the assurance given in reply to parts (c) & (d) of unstarred question No. 5150 dated the 2nd April, 1969.

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3. A draft note is submitted for approval.

Koham  
(Y.R. Dhawan)  
19-7-69

Director (EA)

Director  
3973... 21/7

1390-0500/69

*Portion*

While replying to the Unstarred Question No.5150 on 2nd April, 1969, we had given an assurance that we would make necessary enquiries. These have since been made through the Ministry of Home Affairs and DIB and we are now in a position to fulfil the assurance.

2. A draft statement is placed below. In accordance with the procedure, approval of D.M. is necessary.

Manjit Singh  
(Manjit Singh)  
Director (EA)  
21-7-1969



F.S.

D.M.

*Manjit Singh*  
23/7

*Dir (EA)*

*Manjit Singh*  
24.7.69.

*u.s. 20*

*24/7/69*

A fair O.M., forwarding 12 copies of the Approved Statement, to Dept. of Parliamentary Affairs, with ref. to their O.M. at SNO (15) of the linked file, is placed below for signature, if approved.

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*Tag A*  
*LFC/125/5/69*

Koham  
26/7/69

*Issued from file C/125/5/69 JP*  
*Copy at SNO (3) - Adm. Secy*



Sy. 9282 - EAD/69

SNO (10) Added

Sy. 8917. EAD/69

SNO (11) FR P. 24-11/6

"Pl. diarize and submit with the file  
on the subject."

Sd/- J.R. Dhawan  
10/7

EAD

Submitted pl.

Sri Samar Guha M.P. had also written  
to the Govt. of W. Bengal about the Report  
published in Jugantar regarding Netaji's  
escape from Singapore. The State  
Govt. have no further information on  
the subject.

Us (EAD) may pl. see.

29-7-69  
Us (EAD)

Kohawon  
29/7/69

Ex-2



(6)

NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION.

LOK SABHA QUESTIONS REGARDING  
NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE.

I have gone through the questions asked in Parliament regarding the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and the answers thereto. Nothing of importance emerges from these questions. The Government have repeatedly expressed unwillingness to reopen the matter because of the report of the Shah Nawaz Committee. From this, however, no inference of deliberate concealment of true facts can arise. The answers of Government are consistent with their reluctance to reopen matters on the slightest pretext. There is, however, one question which needs to be pursued further, namely, unstarred question No.5150.

I should like the Secretary to find out who is the retired army man mentioned in this question, who was later serving in the Police Department of West Bengal. May be this will prove to be a blind alley but it is worth while finding out the identity of the person concerned, to decide whether we should examine him as a witness or not.

*G.D. Khosla*  
(G.D. Khosla).  
CHAIRMAN  
29. 9.1970.

SECRETARY. *20. 9. 70.*

The chairman has seen file no of  
JP containing particulars of the go-  
-man referred to at it above. we may  
him to give oral evidence in Calcutta

*20. 9. 70.*  
6. 10. 70



(1-A)

लोक सभा

अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 7154

22 अप्रैल, 1970 — 2 वैशाख, 1892 (शक) को  
लोक सभा की बैठक में उत्तर दिए जाने के लिए ।

चीन द्वारा तिब्बत की मूर्तियां नष्ट करना

प्रश्न (7154)

श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:

क्या वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चीनी लोगों ने तिब्बत की बहुमूल्य  
मूर्तियां तथा पाण्डुलिपियां नष्ट कर दी हैं; और

(ख) क्या सरकार ने चीन को लिखा है कि वह इन मूर्तियां





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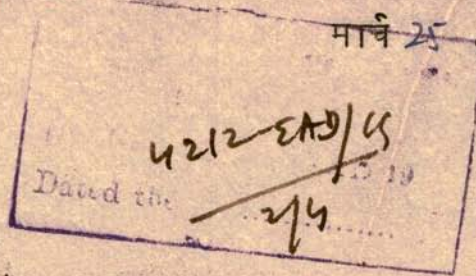
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गृह मंत्रालय भारत शासन  
नई दिल्ली

मार्च 25, 1969

S No 1



प्रिय दिनेश,

चूंकि विषय आपके मंत्रालय से सम्बन्ध रखता है, मैं श्री समर गुहा संसद सदस्य का पत्र आपके अवलोकनार्थ भिजवा रहा हूँ।

श्री प्रतिनिधि

आपका,

विद्याचरण शुक्ल  
(विद्या वरण शुक्ल)

श्री दिनेश सिंह,  
विदेश कार्य मंत्री,  
नई दिल्ली

We may infer  
Home Dist. accordingly  
26/3

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28/4/69/PM/69  
26/3

The enquiry will really  
have been made by  
Home Ministry - 25/3



Prof. Samar Guha  
Member of Parliament  
( Lok Sabha)

60A Raja S.C. Mullik Rd.  
Calcutta-32  
11.3.69

Dear Shri Shukla,

A sensational report about Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's escape from Singapore has been published in 'Jugantar', a Calcutta daily, on 6.3.69 in column-3, page-50. A retired armyman who claimed to have served the Govt. of India at Singapore during the time of War and now again working in the Police Deptt. of the Govt. of W.Bengal disclosed on the basis of his personal knowledge that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose did not fly to Taihoke in Formosa in any plane, as reported so far, but instead he along with two Japanese officers left Singapore at the time of surrender of Japan in a Japanese submarine for an unknown destination.

This report should be considered as very important as it throws new light on the whole episode of Netaji's escape. I would request you to make an immediate enquiry about the report and let the House know its finding as an answer to my short notice question sent to you herewith.

I hope you will consider it as a part of our national duty to the greatest revolutionary of India, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose,

With thanks.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla,  
Minister of State, Home Affairs

Yours sincerely,  
(Samar Guha )



"JUGANTAR" CALCUTTA - 4TH MARCH, 1969

ESCAPE OF NETAJI BY SUBMARINE FROM SINGAPORE

(Staff Reporter)

Calcutta March 3 ---

Netaji's last escape from Singapore was by a submarine and not by plane. And that is the reason why the news of Netaji's death by air crash at Taihoku is not beyond ~~any~~ doubt. This sensational news was revealed in an interview with the Jugantar by a retired Army Officer now employed in the Calcutta Police Department.

Apart from this, he showed one sword and claimed that Netaji had used this sword.

The said officer claimed so on the basis of the material collected when he was in charge of the Jurong internment camps in Singapore.

This officer further said that when he was in the Army service at Singapore, he got acquainted with one of Netaji's closest Japanese comrades and the same comrade presented to him this sword used by "Chandra Bose."

From the talks of that comrade, he came to know that on the eve of his last escape from Singapore, Netaji went to a place near the sea shore from Bukitima by a car. That Japanese was the driver of that car. Under Netaji's instructions he waited there for half an hour and thereafter when Netaji did not return, that comrade returned by the same car.

The said officer, further claimed that he himself visited the place later. He thinks that as the place is surrounded by sea on three sides the escape of Netaji was not possible by any other means except by submarine. At the time of last departure from Singapore, there was another high officer of



the Japanese Army in the car in addition to the said Japanese comrade who accompanied Netaji. The sword was found in that very car.

The said officer afterwards sent the sword to India with the help of the then Air Force Officer and subsequently Air Vice Marshal of the Indian Air Force, Shri Subroto Mukherjee.

He claims that following this cue, a new light over the mystery of Netaji's disappearance can be found.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5150

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5150

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND APRIL, 1969

NEW LIGHT ON ESCAPE OF NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE

QUESTION

No. 5150 SHRI SAMAR GUHA:  
SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a report published in a Calcutta daily, "Jugantar" on the 6th March, 1969 regarding the escape of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Singapore on the eve of the Japanese surrender;

(b) whether in that report, a retired armyman now serving the Police Department of the Government of West Bengal disclosed on the basis of his personal knowledge that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose did not fly to Taihoko in Formosa by a plane, instead he escaped with two Japanese in a submarine and left for an unknown destination;

(c) whether Government tried to contact the said Officer and verify from him the veracity of the report published in his name in the said Calcutta daily; and

(d) if so, the facts relevant to the report and if not, whether Government will make an immediate enquiry into the reported matter and let the House know full facts about it?

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ANSWER

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Government have seen a report in the "Jugantar" of the 4th March, 1969.

(c)&(d): Necessary enquiries are being made and the conclusions, when reached, will be intimated to the House.

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2 अप्रैल 1969 - 12 चैत्र 1891 (शक) को  
लोकसभा की बैठक में उत्तर दिए जाने के लिए

नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस के बच कर भाग निकलने के बारे में  
नई जानकारी

प्रश्न :

श्री समर गुह :

श्री वेणीशंकर शर्मा :

क्या वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान-जापान द्वारा समर्पण किये जाने की पूर्व संध्या को सिंगापुर से नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस के बच कर भाग निकलने के बारे में 6 मार्च, 1969 के एक कलकत्ता दैनिक समाचार पत्र जुगान्तर में छपे एक सनसनीखेज समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) क्या उस समाचार के अनुसार पश्चिमी बंगाल सरकार के पुलिस विभाग में इस समय कार्य कर रहे एक सेवा निवृत्त सैनिक ने अपनी वैयक्तिक जानकारी के आधार पर यह रहस्योद्घाटन किया है कि नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस विमान द्वारा फरार होकर तेहोको के लिए रवाना नहीं हुए थे बल्कि वे दो जापानियों के साथ एक पनडुब्बी में अज्ञात स्थान को चले गये थे ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उक्त जधिकारी के तथ्य स्थापित किया है और उसके नाम से कलकत्ता दैनिक में छपे समाचार की सत्यता के बारे में उससे पूछताछ की है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो समाचार में तत्सम्बन्धी तथ्य क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो क्या सरकार इस मामले में तत्काल जांच करा कर तत्सम्बन्धी पूर्ण जानकारी सभा को देगी ?

उत्तर :

श्री सुरेन्द्रपाल सिंह :

उप विदेश मंत्री

(क) और (ख) : जी हां । सरकार ने 4 मार्च 1969 के 'जुगान्तर' में प्रकाशित रिपोर्ट देखी है ।



(ग) और (घ) : आवश्यक पूछताछ की जा रही है और जब इसके निष्कर्ष प्राप्त हो जाएंगे तो सदन को इनसे अवगत करा दिया जाएगा ।



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INTELLIGENCE BUREAU  
(Ministry of Home Affairs)  
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Lok Sabha Question on escape of Netaji Subhash Bose  
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MEA may please refer to their u.o. No. C/125/5/69/JP dated March 20, 1969.

2. The retired armyman, now serving in the Police Dept. of the Govt. of West Bengal, who made the statement which led to the publication of the news item in the 'Jugantar' of March 4, is Inspector Gora Chand Sanyal. He was born on 10.9.1923. He was enrolled as a Sergeant on 1.6.49 and promoted as Inspector on 15.7.65. He is at present posted under Dy. Commissioner, Security Control, Calcutta.

3. Sanyal claims that he was a JCO in the 221 British Vehicles Unit and was posted in Rangoon in 1944. After the recapture of Singapore by the Allied Forces, he was a member of the staff of a detention camp, reportedly located at the crossing of Jurong Road and Bukitima Road at Singapore, in which Kazu Hiko, a Japanese P.O.W. was detained. Hiko was, according to Sanyal, a Chief Petty Officer in the Japanese Navy and the ex-driver of Netaji. This Japanese war prisoner had disclosed to him the facts about Netaji's escape as published in the 'Jugantar' dated March 4, 1969.

4. Sanyal does not have a plausible explanation as to why he did not appear before the Shahnawaz Enquiry Committee (1956). He has stated that at that time as he was serving under a Congress Government, he did not disclose these facts for fear of departmental disciplinary action but now in the UF regime, he thought it proper to reveal the facts.

Sd/- K.N. Prasad  
Deputy Director

MEA: (Shri Manjit Singh)  
DIB U.O. No. 1/INA(D)/69, dated 31.3.69.



Ministry of External Affairs  
(East Asia Division)  
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p 8/c  
Will the Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, kindly refer to their u.o. No. 1/INA(D)/69, dated the 31st March, 1969, regarding the Lok Sabha question about the alleged escape of Netaji Subhash C Chandra Bose?

1 p 5/c  
2 . A copy of the reply given to the question in the Lok Sabha is enclosed herewith. Shri Samar Guha has written to the Minister of State for Home Affairs, who has referred the issue to the Minister of External Affairs. A copy of letter dated the 11th March, 1969, from Prof. Guha is also enclosed herewith. The matter will have to be enquired into in some detail.

3. While the identity of the person who gave the statement to the Calcutta daily, has been established, it is requested that they may kindly obtain the following further details in respect of him:

(a)(i) The exact particulars of Shri Sanyal's employment with the Indian Army, e.g. his enrolment number, service with various units at various stations and the date of discharge from the army. These particulars may kindly be checked up through the Ministry of Defence and it may be ascertained whether his characterroll or reports on his work and conduct are available with them.

(ii) A report on Shri Sanyal's work and antecedents may also be obtained from the Deputy Commissioner, Security Control, Calcutta.

(b) A written statement should be obtained from Shri Sanyal, asking him to give all the details available with him e.g.

(i) The exact period during which he was serving in the detention camp located at the crossing of Jurong Road and Bukitima Road in Singapore.

(ii) The particulars of Kazu Hiko, the Japanese prisoner of war, if any, available with him.

(iii) The precise date on which the reported journey by car was undertaken by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

(iv) The exact location of the site referred to by him and

(v) The date on which Shri Sanyal visited the site referred to by him.



Shri Sanyal may also be asked to produce any documentary evidence e.g. letters, photos, etc., if available with him.

4. The statement made by Shri Sanyal that he did not disclose these facts to the Shah Nawaz Committee for fear of disciplinary action as he was serving under a Congress government is not convincing. ~~The~~ Netaji was a Congress leader and a close friend of the leaders of the Government of India as well as the Government of Bengal and they would naturally have liked to know any information about the whereabouts of Netaji.

5. It will be appreciated if a detailed written statement is obtained from Shri Sanyal.

9/c (Manjit Singh)  
Director (EA)

D.I.B. (Shri K.N. Prasad, Dy. Dir.)

MEA UO No. C/551/6/69/JP dated 3-4-1969

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5150

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Prof. Samar Guha  
Member of Parliament  
(Lok Sabha)

60 A Raja S.C. Malik Rd.  
Calcutta-32  
11.3.1969

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With thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. Samar Guha

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla,  
Minister of State, Home Affairs.



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(Ministry of Home Affairs)  
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Subject:- Lok Sabha Question on escape of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

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M.E.A. may please refer to their U.O. No: C/551/6/69/JP dated 7.4.69.

2. Enquiries have been instituted as indicated and a further report will follow in due course.

*[Signature]*  
(K.N. Prasad)  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

M.E.A. (Shri Manjit Singh)

DIB U.O. No: 11/NA/21/69

dated, the 11 APR 1969

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Where is the no. note referred to above? Pl.  
let me see it.

*[Signature]*  
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INTELLIGENCE BUREAU  
(Ministry of Home Affairs)

Subject:- Lok Sabha Question on escape of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Please refer to our u/o No. 1/INA(D)/69 dated April 11, 1969, on the above subject.

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2. Army Headquarters have informed us that the Unit in which Gora Chand Sanyal is stated to have been serving, has not yet been located and it will take <sup>them</sup> some more time to do so. Our enquiries are however in progress, and a further communication will follow, in due course.

Tandan 4/5/69.  
(S.C. Tandan)  
Jt. Deputy Director

- 7 MAY 1969

M.E.A. (Shri Manjit Singh).  
D.I.B. u/o No. 1/INA(D)/69 dated

Encl: Nil.

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8/5/69

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(East Asia Division)  
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Subject:- Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.5150 of 2-4-69  
regarding escape of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Will the Intelligence Bureau please refer to  
the correspondence resting with their u.o.No.1/INA(D)/69,  
dated the 7th May, 1969 on the subject mentioned above?

We shall be grateful if report, together with  
a detailed written statement from Shri Sanyal, is furnished  
to us for fulfilling the assurance given in the Lok Sabha  
on 2-4-1969.

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*[Signature]*  
(Y.R. Dhawan)  
Under Secretary (EA)

*pl. in*  
*26.5.69*

*[Signature]*

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Intelligence Bureau (Shri S.C. Tandan , Jt.Dy. Director)  
Ministry of External Affairs u.o.No.C/551/6/69/JP dt. 26<sup>th</sup> May, 69.



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INTELLIGENCE BUREAU  
(Ministry of Home Affairs)

Ministry of Home Affairs  
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MEA may, please, refer to our U.O. No. 1/INA (D)/69 dated May 7, 1969, regarding Lok Sabha Question on escape of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. The following documents, copies of which are also enclosed, have been obtained in respect of Shri G.C. Sanyal. Shri Sanyal joined Security Control Calcutta on 15-1-68. His service in that office is reported to be satisfactory. A copy of Security Control Calcutta's Memo. in reply to No. C.20/Misc(H)/69 dated 27-3-1969 along with a copy of Shri G.C. Sanyal's statement dated 23-3-69 is, also, attached.

List of documents:

- i) Copy of the statement of Shri G.C. Sanyal, Inspector of Police, Security Control, Calcutta, dated 22.4.69.
- ii) A certified copy of Shri Sanyal's Military Discharge Certificate containing details of his military service.

3. We are trying to obtain corroboration of the particulars of army service of Shri Sanyal from the Military Intelligence, and will send a further communication in due course.

Tandan 28/5/69  
(S.C. TANDAN)  
JT. DEPUTY DIRECTOR

MEA (Shri Manjit Singh)  
DIB U.O. NO. 1/INA(D)/69 dated the

9 MAY 1969

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Mr. DW  
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FOR CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

INDIAN COMBATANTS AND NON-COMBATANTS (ENROLLED)

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I.A.O.C. DEMOB CENTRE  
Date: 13th May, 1949  
JUBBULPORE

Certified to be true copy

Sd/- \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Commissioner of Police,  
Security Control, Calcutta.



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GO TO YOUR DISTRICT SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMENS BOARD IF YOU  
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Any person finding this certificate is requested to  
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Assistant Commissioner of Police,  
Security Control, Calcutta.

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Serial No. 3724

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

1. No. 43731/I.O.

Rank JEM/MASK

Name: Gora Chand Sanyal

Unit: 1.A.O.C.

Father's name: Late Panchanan Sanyal

Class Hindu

Sub-Class Brahman

Village 9, ~~Mora~~ Moira Danga Rd. P.O. Barnagore

Tehsil: Calcutta

Thana Barnagore

Tel. office Barnagore

Rly. Stn. Howrah

District 24, Parganas

Province West Bengal

Date of enrolment 10-9-1943

Date of transfer to the Reserve

Date of release 4th August, 1949

Non-qualifying service.

2. Description at the time of completion of this form

Age 24 years.

Distinctive marks Pitted scar on the left angle of the mouth.

Certified to be true copy

Sd/- \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Commissioner of Police,  
Security Control, Calcutta.

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3. \* Transfer to the Reserve on

Released by order of O.C. I. A.O.C. DEMOB CENTRE  
JUBBULPORE

+ in consequence of REDUCTION OF INDIAN ARMY ON DEMOBILIZATION

Under Item/Section (R.R.I/45) I.A.A.Rule 13/I.A.A.  
after serving 5 (five years 324 days with the Colours.

(Non-qualifying service to be included)

4. Character as assessed vide R.A.I. Instruction No. 203

Exemplary

Sd/- Illegible  
MAJOR

for O.C., I.A.O.C. Depot & Demob. Wing

5. (a) Medals, decorations or mentions in despatches

1939-45 Star, Burma Star,

War, Independence and India Service Medal

(b) War Services showing theatres of operations

with dates:

Singapore, Malaya, Batavia,

SEAC from 1945 to 1948

\* Strike out item not applicable.

+ Insert the condition from which a person discharged on medical grounds is suffering, as entered in the proceedings of the Medical Board in I.A.F.Y. 1948.

Certified to be true copy

Sd/-

Assistant Commissioner of Police,  
Security Control, Calcutta.



(c) Wounds (Details of disability)

6. CERTIFICATES

(a) Highest military educational certificate (R.U.)

No.

Highest military educational certificate (Eng.)

No.

Highest education (Civil) B.A.(Honours) M.A.

Degree of proficiency in reading and/or writing

(a) English (b) Roman Urdu (c) Any other language  
English, Bengali, Hindi, Urdu

Any other qualification such as Mathematics.

(b) Employment before enlistment

Commercial Intelligence Department (Govt of India)  
Calcutta.

(c) Army trade and qualifications

JEM/MASK D.&M. Army School of Driving  
and Maintenance, Ahmadnagar.

7. The holder of this certificate must understand that, if he wishes to submit a petition, he must do so to the Officer i/c Records\* O.C. I.A.O.C. DEMOB CENTRE JUBBULPORE or to the Dy. Commissioner/Collector\*\* Calcutta.

Application for assistance in finding employment should be made to the Sub - Regional Employment Exchange at \*\* Calcutta His nearest D.S.S. A.B. is at \*\* Calcutta.

\* Enter training centre, depot, unit, etc; and station.

\*\* Enter station

Certified to be true copy

Sd/-

Assistant Commissioner of Police,  
Security Control, Calcutta.



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8. The contents of Discharge Certificate & para 7 above have been fully explained to me.

Dated: 13th May 1949

Sd/- G.C. Sanyal

(Signature of Soldier)

Station JUBBULPORE

Sd/- Illegible  
Commanding MAJOR  
for O.C., I.A.O.C. Depot. & Demob.  
Wing

Date 13th May 1949.

NOTE: The signature of the soldier will not be affixed to this page until all entries are completed, and will then be regarded as a certificate that he understands the use of the form and accepts the correctness of the entries therein.

Certified to be true

Sd/-

Assistant Commissioner of Police,  
Security Control, Calcutta.

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From Shri A.P. Mukherjee,  
Assistant Director,  
Security Control, Calcutta

To The Deputy Director,  
S.I.B., Calcutta

Subj: Publication of a report in Jugantar dated March 4, 1969  
on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Ref: Your Memo No. C.20/Misc(H)/69 dated 27.3.1969.

Kindly find enclosed copy of a statement obtained from Inspector Shri G.C. Sanyal of Security Control who is reported to have made a statement to one correspondent of the Bengali Daily, Jugantar. The statement being self-explanatory I refrain from giving my comments thereon. However, I may mention that the Inspector did not depose before the Netaji Enquiry Committee (1956) headed by Shri Shanwar Khan and the Inspector could not give any satisfactory explanation as to why he did not make any statement before the said committee.

Sd/- (A.P. Mukherjee)  
Asstt. Director  
Security Control,  
Calcutta.



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Copy of a statement obtained from Inspector Shri G.C. Sanyal, of Security Control, Calcutta, which has been submitted to D.C.S.C. Calcutta.

As desired I am submitting this report to you for perusal.

Before submitting the full report regarding the mysterious departure of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, I would like to submit, as per para - 2 of the report of the Dy. Inspector General of Police, I.B., West Bengal regarding my career prior to joining in the Calcutta Police, that I joined His Majesty's Armed Forces as V.C.O. and the next details regarding my postings etc. could be had from my Military Discharge Certificate which is lying in C.P.D., Finance Branch file No. AUD/1063-63.

Now regarding the departure of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, I would like to submit the following for your perusal.

I was sent to ~~sent to~~ Singapore and was attached with 221 Vehicle Company (R.A.O.C.) where I was placed in charge of the Jurong Internment Camp. There I had to look after the work of a number of Japanese War Prisoners. The attendant of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was also interned in the same camp, who was a Chief Petty Officer of the Japanese Navy and a driver of "Chandra Bose" as they used to call him in 'Sonam' i.e. Singapore.

One day while I was working in the Camp, this driver cum attendant told me the very interesting story about Netaji's departure from Singapore by a Japanese Submarine and he himself helped Netaji and another High ranking Japanese Military Officer by driving them along Bukitimah Road to the Submarine Base. He also told me that he was asked by Chandra Bose to wait there for half an hour by which time they were expected to come back, otherwise he was advised to go back if they would not come back by that time. None of them came back, as such the attendant returned. Since then Netaji remained untraced. The attendant further stated that he was given two Swords by Netaji and the Military Officer in his car which were later handed over to me for taking back to India since he came to know that I was a resident of Calcutta, the place of Netaji.

Later, in order to verify the statement of the said driver, I went to the place and found that the place had no Air Base; besides that place was found to be surrounded by the sea on its three sides. Netaji, as such, could not disappear by any other means other than Japanese Submarine.

While staying at Singapore I got a chance to fly to India when late Sri Subrata Mukherjee came there for a few days. I took leave and flew back to Calcutta with late Sri Mukherjee in his plane; and I carried those two Swords in my holdall. The Photo of the Sword of Netaji has been published in 'Jugantar' dated 4.3.69.

In this connection I would like to mention that although I was appointed in the Calcutta Police Force straight from the Military Department in the year 1949 service being continuous against the 'War Reserved' Vacancy, the period of my Military Service five years and 324 days of qualifying service has not been reckoned towards the fixation of my position in the Gradation List and Pay and other benefits. Though the same facilities have been given to a number of



officers of the Calcutta Police Force, who joined the force from  
Military, A.R.P., Civic Guard and Civil Supply Department. (26)

Sd/- G.C. Sanyal  
23.3.69.

Inspector of Police,  
Calcutta Police Force.



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D.C.S.C.

A.C.(1),S.C.

With regard to para I of the teleprinter dated 10.4.69 I may mention that I could not remember the various units or the various stations while in Indian Army as my Military Discharge Certificate in original is lying in Calcutta Police Directorate Finance Branch File No. AUD/1063-63, without consulting the same. My date of discharge from the Army is the date of my joining the Calcutta Police Force.

With regard to para 3(A), I like to state that I do not remember the exact period during which I served in the detention camp located on Jurong Road, Singapore, which might have been written in my Discharge Certificate as well as in the records of the Indian Army. In this connection, I may also mention that I received my Indian Army Discharge Certificate from the Records Office at Jabbalpore. (B) As far as I can recollect that Kazu Hiko the Japanese P.O.W. was a Chief Petty Officer of the Japanese Navy and the driver of "Chandra Bose" in Singapore. (C) As far as I can remember, the driver reported to me that Netaji Bose undertook the journey by car sometime towards the end of 1945. (D) This particular submarine base of Singapore was situated near the bridge connecting Singapore with Johore Baru State. It commences from the end of the Bukitimah Road to Johore Baru; and further up there was the Johore Baru Police Headquarters. (E) In the year 1946 I visited the above site. (F) Col. Kinder, O.C., C.I.D., Johore Baru Police Headquarters issued me a licence for my Luger Automatic Pistol, presented to me by Col. Stronach of Royal Artillery from Johore Baru Police Headquarters which was deposited in the Arms Act Department, Lalbazar, Calcutta and in lieu I was issued with an Indian licence. Besides I am holding the two swords which were given to me by the driver of "Chandra Bose" and the Japanese General with whom Netaji left Singapore. (G) I wanted to keep these swords as a souvenir of my Army career as well as the remembrance of Netaji Bose and I never desired to part with them. I never deposed before the Shanwaz Commission apprehending that these swords might have been taken away from me. I do still emphasise that I want to keep these swords as my personal treasure; as such I never circulated these facts publicly, except to those close friends who came to my house on various occasions whom I showed the swords.

4. My Military Discharge Certificate may be obtained from the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta.

Submitted.

Sd/- G.C. Sanyal

22.4.69.

Inspector of Police,  
Security Control, Calcutta.



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Ministry of External Affairs  
(East Asia Division)  
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Subject:- Lok Sabha question on the escape  
of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.  
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Will the Intelligence Bureau (Ministry of Home Affairs) please refer to their u.o. No. 1/INA/D/69, dated the 30th May, 1969, on the subject mentioned above, and let us know when the further communication promised therein may be expected to be received in this Ministry?

Y.R. Dhawan  
(Y.R. Dhawan)  
Under Secretary (EA)

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Ministry of Home Affairs (Directorate of  
Intelligence Bureau - Shri S.C.Tandon,  
Joint Deputy Director)  
MEA U.O. No. C/551/6/69-JP, dated 14th July, 1969.

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The position in regard to the various queries made from the I.B. is as below :-

(a)(i) Exact particulars of Shri Sanyal's employment with the Indian Army.

No.43731/I.O.  
Rank - Jemadar/Mask  
Name-Gora Chand Sanyal  
Unit - I.A.O.C.  
Father's name - Late Panchanan Sanyal  
Home Address  
Vill-9, Moria Danga Rd.  
P.O. Barnagore  
Teh. Calcutta  
Distt. 24 Parganas(WB)

Date of enrolment: 10-9-1943

Date of Release: 4-8-1949

Character: Exemplary

War Service showing theatres of operation

Singapore, Malaya, Batavia; SEAC from 1945 to 1948

Educational Qualification: B.A(Hons), M.A.

(a)(ii) Report on Shri Sanyal's work and antecedents.

Born on 10-9-1923, Shri Sanyal was enrolled as Sergeant in the Police Deptt. of the Govt. of West Bengal on 1-6-1949 and was promoted as Inspector on 15-7-65. (p.8/c)  
He joined Security Control, Calcutta on 15-1-1968 (p.16-Para 2)

(b) Written statement from Shri Sanyal.

Two statements (i) dated 23-3-1969 and (ii) dated 24-4-69 have been obtained. (Copies are at Pp.24,25 & 26/cor)

(b)(i) Exact period during which he was serving in the detention camp located at the crossing of Jurong Road and Bukitima Road in Singapore.

Does not remember the exact period during which he served in the Detention Camp at Jurong Road, Singapore. (His Discharge Certificate also does not contain this information. (P.26/cor)



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(b)(ii) Particulars of Kazu Hiko, the Japanese Prisoner of War.

As far as he can recollect, Kazu Hiko was a Chief Petty Officer of the Japanese Navy, attendant and Driver of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose ("Chandra Bose") in Singapore. (p.26/cor)

(b) (iii) Precise date on which the reported journey by car was undertaken by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

As far as he can remember, the Driver (Kazu Hiko) reported to him (Sanyal) that Netaji Bose undertook the journey by car some time towards the end of 1945. (p.26/cor)

(b)(iv) The exact location of the site referred to by him.

This particular submarine base of Singapore was situated near the bridge connecting Singapore with Johore Baru State, It commences from the end of Bukitimah Road to Johore Baru and further up there was the Johore Baru Police Headquarters. (p.26/cor)

(b)(v) The date on which Shri Sanyal visited the site referred to by him.

In the year 1946.  
(p.26/cor)

(c) Documentary evidence, e.g. letters, photos, etc., if available.

i) Was issued a Licence for his Lugar Automatic Pistol, (presented by Colonel Stronach of Royal Artillery) by Col. Kinder, O.C., C.I.D., Johore Baru Police HQ. The Licence was deposited by him at Arms Act Department, Lal Bazar, Calcutta, who issued him an Indian Licence.

(ii) Holds two swords, which Kazu Hiko received from Netaji and the Japanese Military Officer who accompanied Netaji in the car, and later handed over to him, for taking back to India.

(There is slight discrepancy here. In his written statement of 23.3.69, Shri Sanyal states that the two swords were handed over to him by the Driver (attendant Kazu Hiko, vide p.24/c. In the second statement of 22-4-69, he



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states that the two swords were given to him by the Driver of "Chandra Bose" and the Japanese General with whom Netaji left Singapore, vide p.26/cor)

(d) Reasons for not disclosing information earlier.

Since Shri Sanyal wanted to keep these swords with him as sovenir of his Army career and also as a remembrance of Netaji, he did not depose before the Shahnawaz Commission, apprehending that the swords might have been taken away from him. (p.26/cor)

(In their earlier report, dated 31-3-69, the I.B. reported that Shri Sanyal has no plausible explanation as to why he did not appear before the Shahnawaz Enquiry Committee, 1956. He was reported to have stated that as he was serving under a Congress Government at that time, he did not disclose these facts for fear of departmental disciplinary action; and now in the United Front regime, he thought it proper to reveal the facts (p.8/cor))



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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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New Delhi:  
Dated 26th July, 1969.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Assurance given during the Seventh Session of the Lok Sabha.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Department of Parliamentary Affairs Office Memorandum No. VII/EA(21)UQ.5150-LS/69, dated the 16th May, 1969, on the subject mentioned above and to forward herewith the required information in the prescribed form (12 copies) in fulfilment of the Assurance.

Sd/- Y.R.Dhawan  
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Department of Parliament Affairs,  
(Shri S.K. Puri, Under Secretary),  
New Delhi.

Copy, with a copy of the enclosure, forwarded to the Parliament Section, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

(Y.R.Dhawan)  
Under Secretary to Govt. of India.

✓ Copy for File No. C.551/6/69/JP.



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Seventh Session, 1969 of the LOK SABHA

Ministry of External Affairs

Date and Reference	Subject	Promise made	When and how fulfilled	Remarks
Unstarred Question No. 5150 dated 2nd April, 1969, by Shri Samar Guja, and Shri Beni Shanker Sharma.	<p>Asking</p> <p>(a) whether attention of Govt. has been drawn to a report published in a Calcutta daily "Jugantar" on the 6th March, 1969 regarding the escape of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Singapore on the eve of the Japanese surrender;</p> <p>(b) whether in that report, a retired armyman now serving the Police Department of the Govt. of West Bengal disclosed on the basis of his personal knowledge that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose did not fly to Taihoko in Formosa by a plane, instead he escaped with two Japanese in a submarine and left for an unknown destination;</p> <p>(c) whether Govt. tried to contact the said Officer and verify from him the veracity of the report published in his name in the said Calcutta daily; and</p> <p>(d) If so, the facts relevant to the report and if not, whether Government will make an immediate enquiry into the reported matter and let the House know full facts about it.</p>	<p>(c) &amp; (d)</p> <p>Necessary enquiries are being made and the conclusions, when reached, will be intimated to the House.</p>	<p>(c) &amp; (d)</p> <p>The officer concerned was contacted and the statement made by him examined in detail. It is found that</p> <p>(i) the statement which appeared in the "Jugantar" dated the 4th March, 1969 was based on the alleged remarks of a Japanese</p>	



Date and Reference	Subject	Promise made	When and how fulfilled	Remarks
				soldier, who claimed to have worked as attendant and driver of Netaji, and is in the nature of hearsay: The officer himself did not witness the event.
				(ii) the date etc. of the journey mentioned is imprecise in as much as he refers to "end of 1945"
				(iii) the statement made cannot be corroborated by any factual details and does not contradict the findings of the Shah Nawaz Committee.



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INTELLIGENCE BUREAU  
(Ministry of Home Affairs)

Director (E.I.)  
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M.E.A. may, please, refer to our u.o. No. 1/INA(D)/69 dated 30th May, 1969, regarding the Lok Sabha Question on escape of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. The required particulars about Shri Gora Chand Sanyal as furnished by D.M.I. are mentioned below.

- (a) Enrolment number - 43731/10
- (b) Service details - Recruited as VCO Cadet on 10 Sep 43. Promoted Jem/MASK on 3 Jan 44. Served with the following units:-
- (i) No 2 Trg Bn, AOC Centre from 10 Sep 43 to 2 Mar 1944.
  - (ii) OD SECUNDERABAD from 8 Mar 44 to 21 Apr 45.
  - (iii) Depot Bn, AOC Centre from 22 Apr 45 to 17 Jul 45
  - (iv) 221 AOD from 18 Jul 45 to 26 Jul 45
  - (v) 221 Veh Coy from 27 Jul 45 to 1 Jul 48
  - (vi) OD CALCUTTA from 2 Jul 48 to 4 Aug 49.
- (c) Date of discharge - 4 Aug 49 (Discharged on consequence of reduction of the Army on demobilization and SOS wef 5 Aug 49).

3. According to D.M.I., the confidential reports or any other reports on his work are not available. His character was assessed at the time of his discharge as "EXEMPLARY".

4. Any further particulars of his army service needed may kindly be obtained directly from DMI by referring to their No. 19250/VIII/GSI(b)(ii) dated July 5, 1969.

6243 (S.C. Tandan)  
Jt. Deputy Director

Tandan 17/7/69

M.E.A. (Shri Manjit Singh)  
D.I.B. U.O. No. 1/INA(D)/69 dated the

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Ministry of External Affairs

South Asia Div

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220. 14500-5/69 S. No. 1204

We have no previous  
papers on the subject.  
E.A. Division may please  
me whether they have  
received a l. o letter  
no 22/26/69-Pol-II dated  
25-3-1969 from M. W. &  
Home Division on the  
subject. If no, they  
may please accept  
this transfer of this  
matter and take  
necessary action.

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East Asia Div.

55/6/69 J.S. (SA)  
(file info submission)  
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R. diary and submit  
the file on the subject.

Koham  
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Mr. Adv  
14.7.69



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No.29/33/69-Poll.II.  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Home Affairs.

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To

The Secretary to the Government of West  
Bengal, Home Department, Political,  
CALCUTTA.

New Delhi-1, the - 8 JUL 1969

Subject: Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose - Escape from  
Singapore - Report published in the Jugantar  
of Calcutta.

Sir,

With reference to the State Government's  
letter No. 874-PS, dated the 16th 3, 1969 on  
the subject noted above, I am directed to say  
that this Ministry had also received a letter in  
this regard from Prof. Samar Guha M.P., who in  
then been informed that the matter is the concern  
of the Ministry of External Affairs. I am, then,  
to say that copies of the State Government's letter  
under reply and of its enclosures have also  
been passed on to that Ministry for appropriate  
action and further communication in the matter may  
kindly be addressed to them direct.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-G.S.Kapoor.  
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

8 JUL 1969

No.29/33/69-Poll.II. dated the July., 1969.

Copy with copies of the letter under reply  
and of its enclosures forwarded, for necessary action,  
to the Ministry of External Affairs in continuation  
of this Ministry's d.o. letter No. 22/26/69-Poll.II.  
dated the 25th March, 1969 to the Minister for  
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Sd/-G.S.Kapoor.  
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Calcutta, the 16th June, 1969.

From: Shri K.G.Basu, I.A.S., Jt.Secy.to the Govt.of West Bengal.

To : The Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

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Sir,

I am directed forward herewith, for the information of the Government of India and for such action as may be deemed necessary, a copy of a letter dated the 11th March, 1969 from Shri Samar Guha, M.P. regarding a news item published in the "Jugantar", a Bengali daily of Calcutta, in its issue of the 6th March, 1969, relating to the "escape" of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Singapore.

2. On receipt of this letter a statement was obtained from Inspector G.C.Sanyal, of the Security Control, Calcutta Police. A copy of his statement dated the 23rd March, 1969 made to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Security Control, Calcutta is enclosed. According to Shri Sanyal, before joining the Calcutta Police he was in the Indian Army where he had joined as a Viceroy's Commissioned Officer.

The Inspector did not depose before the Netaji Enquiry Committee (1956) headed by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan and the Inspector could not give any satisfactory explanation as to why he did not make any statement before the said Committee.

3. Shri Samar Guha is being informed that a report on the points raised by him has been sent to the Union Home Ministry.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-

JOINT SECRETARY TO THE GOVT.OF WEST BENGAL.

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Prof. Samar Guha  
Member of Parliament  
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11.3.69.

Dear Shri Basu,

A sensational report about Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's escape has been published in "Jugantar" on 6.3.69 on page - 5, in which a police officer of the Government of West Bengal who served the Armed Force of the Government of India at the time of War at Singapore, is said to have disclosed a hitherto unknown fact about Netaji. It was so far known that Netaji left Singapore by a Plan for Taihoko in Formosa but the said policeman claimed from his personal knowledge that he instead boarded on a Jap submarine at Singapore with two Japanese officers at the time of surrender by Japan. He also claimed that Netaji left his sword with him which he brought to India with the help of late Air Marshall Subroto Mukherji.

This report, if true, throws a wholly new light on the episode of Netaji's escape from Singapore after the War. I hope you will consider the matter as very important and make an enquiry about the report published in Jugantar. You would kindly let me know the name of the said Police Officer and his address and also the report of your enquiry regarding the news.

I trust that you will consider the matter as urgent as also as a vital part of our national obligation to the greatest revolutionary of India, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. I am eagerly looking forward for your reply.

With thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-Samar Guha.

Shri M.M. Basu,  
Chief Secretary Govt. of West Bengal.

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Copy of a statement obtained from Inspector  
Shri G.C. Sanyal of Security Control, Calcutta,  
which has been submitted to D.C.S.C., Calcutta.

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As desired I am submitting this report to you for  
perusal.

Before submitting the full report regarding the  
mysterious departure of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose,  
I would like to submit, as per para - 2 of the report  
of Dy. Inspector General of Police, I.B., West Bengal  
regarding my career prior to joining in the Calcutta  
Police, that I joined His Majesty's Armed Forces as  
V.C.O. and the next details regarding my postings  
etc. could be had from my Military Discharge Certi-  
ficate which is lying in C.P.D., Finance Branch file  
No. AUD/1063-63.

Now regarding the departure of Netaji Subhas  
Chandra Bose, I would like to submit the following  
for your persual.

I was sent to Singapore and was attached with  
221 Vehicle Company (R.A.O.C.) where I was placed  
in charge of the Jurong Internment Camp. There I had  
to look after the work of a number of Japanese  
War Prisoners. The attendant of Netaji Subhas  
Chandra Bose was also interned in the same camp, who  
was a Chief Petty Officer of the Japanese Navy and  
a driver of "Chandra Bose" as they used to call him  
in 'Sonan' i.e. Singapore.

One day while I was working in the Camp, this  
driver cum attendant told me the very interesting  
story about Netaji's departure from Singapore by  
a Japanese Submarine and he himself helped Netaji  
and another High ranking Japanese Military Officer  
by driving them along Bukitimah Road to the Submarine  
Base. He also told me that he was asked by Chandra  
Bose to wait there for half an hour by which time  
they were expected to come back, otherwise he was  
advised to go back if they would not come back by  
that time. None of them came back, as such the  
attendant returned. Since then Netaji remained  
untraced. The attendant further stated that he  
was given two Swords by Netaji and the Military  
Officer in his car which were later handed over to  
me for taking back to India since he came to know  
that I was a resident of Calcutta, the place of  
Netaji.

Later, in order to verify the statement of the  
said driver, I went to the place and found that the  
place had no Air Base; besides that place was found  
to be surrounded by the sea on its three sides.  
Netaji, as such could not disappear by any other  
means other than Japanese Submarine.

While staying at Singapore I got a chance to  
fly to India when late Shri Subrata Mukherjee came



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there for a few days. I took leave and flew back to Calcutta with late Shri Mukherjee in this place; and I carried those two Swords in my holdall. The Photo of the Sword of Netaji has been published in 'Jugantar' dated 4.3.69.

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